

their forces to the world. If you further not only made a thorough insight into the cause, but also passing laws and regulations concerning steam boiler accidents, as may suggest themselves. The fearful lesson taught by this disaster is, however, a warning to the similar ones in the past have been. Public authorities, and to you belong the honor and credit of taking the necessary steps to prevent such accidents. Legislators and Representatives elect to the furtherance of more efficient and stringent legislation can then exult in the fact that they have done their duty.

THE VERDICT.

Mr. Peter Jackson, the foreman of the jury, read the following verdict:

That Louis C. Bassford and six others came to their death by the explosion of an upright boiler, situated on Fourth avenue, between 125th and 126th streets, on the day of the explosion, to-wit: 1873.

That—the primary cause of the explosion of said boiler was the carelessness of the persons in charge of it—To-wit: That Messrs. Beemer & Coyne, contractors, and in Barnum, engineer of said boiler, were guilty of negligence in this respect.

That John Baltimore be censured for renting said boiler to the use of the above named contractors, and be fined in accordance with the requirements of the law.

That—We also censure A. B. Cameron & Co. for selling a defective boiler.

That the New York Railroad Company be censured for their want of care in the protection of life and the management and construction of the Fourth avenue line.

That we entirely disapprove of and condemn the law, in so far as it relates to the liability of the owners of steam boilers, and would recommend that the inspection and testing of all boilers should be made incumbent on the State authorities, and that the responsibility of all styles of boilers should be passed upon, as to the matter of their safety, to the State authorities, and that no boiler being offered for sale, and that such form boilers as said board may decide to be unsafe shall be prohibited to such rules as may be laid down by the United States authorities, and that the law be so amended as to make the responsibility of the safety of the State authorities in the examination of marine boilers.

That in our opinion the laws for the examination of engines and boilers should be made more stringent.

We also recommend that a more careful and rigid examination be made of all boilers.

That the Coroner be requested to transmit this verdict, with our recommendation, to the Governor and Legislature.

THE MINORITY VERDICT.

The following was stated to be the verdict of the minority jury:

That Louis C. Bassford and six others came to their death by the explosion of an upright boiler, situated on Fourth avenue, between 125th and 126th streets, on the day of the explosion, to-wit: 1873.

That the primary cause of the explosion of said boiler was the carelessness of the persons in charge of it—To-wit: That Messrs. Beemer & Coyne, contractors, and John Barnum, engineer of said boiler, were guilty of carelessness in this respect.

That John Baltimore be censured for renting said boiler to the use of the above named contractors, and be fined in accordance with the requirements of the law.

That—We also censure A. B. Cameron & Co. for selling a defective boiler.

That the New York Railroad Company be censured for their want of care in the protection of life and the management and construction of the Fourth avenue line.

That we entirely disapprove of and condemn the law, in so far as it relates to the liability of the owners of steam boilers, and would recommend that the inspection and testing of all boilers should be made incumbent on the State authorities, and that the responsibility of all styles of boilers should be passed upon, as to the matter of their safety, to the State authorities, and that no boiler being offered for sale, and that such form boilers as said board may decide to be unsafe shall be prohibited to such rules as may be laid down by the United States authorities, and that the law be so amended as to make the responsibility of the safety of the State authorities in the examination of marine boilers.

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That the Coroner be requested to transmit this verdict, with our recommendation, to the Governor and Legislature.

RICHARD KELLY,
JOHN F. ROSE,
GEORGE W. STIVER,
HENRY GRASSMAYER.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CORONER.

Resolved, That the thanks of the jury be tendered to the coroner Kessler for his kind and courteous management of the case, and his hearty sympathize with him in the performance of his duty.

Signed by the jury.)

Coroner Kessler made an appropriate response, which he expressed his gratitude for the recognition of that which was only his duty, and also said that the work of the jury would, he felt certain, be fruit in very important legislation.

On Monday, at 12 o'clock, the Coroner will make the disposition of the parties in the case of a criminal negligence, all of whom are now under heavy bail.

THE BROOME STREET MURDER.

Coroner Young Makes an Investigation—Verdict Against Stefani, and Police Officer Watson Complimented.

Coroner Young yesterday held an inquest at the 6th precinct station house in the case of Michael Harold, late a saloon keeper at No. 496 Broome street, who was fatally stabbed in his own place last Sunday evening with a clasp knife in the hands of Peter Stefani, otherwise known as Rode, aided and assisted by Sergeant Paoli, as previously reported in the HERALD. The most material portions of the evidence will be found below.

Christine Harold, widow of deceased, deposed that she lives at No. 496 Broome street; deceased was her husband; last Sunday night a man called Rode and another man came in and asked for two glasses of wine, and were told that they must not quarrel, as they did on the Friday previous: Rode

arranged with Peter Gohert, into whose face he threw a glass of beer; Sunday night Rode had difficulty with Gohert, and deceased put them out; know well that one of them was stabbed deceased, but the witness did not know which of them did it; the witness ran out for a beer, and when she returned she found her husband lying on the floor and his clothes bloody; saw Rode standing over her husband and his hands bloody; Peter Steffan, alias Rode, and Sergeant Snell had been in the habit of coming into the saloon and drinking beer together; Peter Steffan, alias Rode, No. 46 Broome street, deposed that he knew deceased, on Friday evening previous to his death, at the saloon, and was drinking with him; when Steffan, alias Rode, used some bad words when the witness was going to throw a glass of beer at him; Steffan, alias Rode, was alone on Sunday evening when the prisoner

me in and wanted some beer, but there
none they had some Rhine wine;
Stefani then used some bad words, and
I was angry, and Mr. Harold
sent Rode away; Harold then went to
call an officer, when both the prisoners caught
of Mr. Harold and threw him on the floor;
I witness saw Stefani striking down with his
nd, but saw no knife in the hands
either of the men; the witness pulled
from Mr. Harold, and Harold ran
into the street; when the man was blood
the floor; in two minutes the prisoner left
the police soon came; the prisoners held their

on the floor after they got him down; both the prisoners had been drinking, but were not drunk; when they saw the police putting him out, they did not knock him down; both the prisoners were dead, Rodé deceased before he was thrown on the floor.

Officer Charles Watson, of the Eighth Precinct, testified that, hearing a cry of "Police!" he ran to a saloon, and saw there a man bleeding to death, and from information received ran to No. 223 South Fifth Avenue, where he found the man lying on the floor. He found Rodé, and asked him for the knife he had cut the man with, and he said he had no knife; there were several Italians there; pushed Rodé out of the room, and down stairs; the witness held fast to the prisoner; searched him in a saloon down street and found a knife in his pocket; the man's face was blood on the blade of the knife; there also blood on Rodé's hands; confronted Rodé with Mr. Harold, but the latter was dying and could not talk; the witness took the prisoner to the jail at No. 223 South Fifth Avenue and found no mark on his suit; neither of the prisoners was

Dr. E. T. T. Marsh, who made a post-mortem examination, testified that he found five stab wounds the body, the steel having penetrated the lungs and liver, death ensuing from internal hemorrhage.

The case was then given to the jury, and Coroner Young in his remarks took occasion to compliment Watson for the efficiency and daring he displayed in restoring the alleged murderer, who was surrounded by his friends, single-handed.

ne, and at the great risk of his life. The following is the verdict rendered by the jury:

That Michael Harrold came to his death by hemorrhage in a stab wound at the hands of Peter Sennfält, otherwise known as "Red," and that the said Sennfält was assisted by Sargent Paul; and the jury would also have stated by so that they commend the action of Officer Harrold in the above mentioned case to the Commissioners of Police and the community at large.

That the said Sennfält, who was a native of Switzerland, was a native of Switzerland. Paul is 35 years of age, and also born in Switzerland. Both Sennfält and Paul have been charged with the murder of the charge against them.

THE MURDER MEGRELLA.

The Court of Pardons Will Not Render Their Decision Till Next Monday.

The statement in several of yesterday afternoon's papers that the Court of Pardons of New York had refused to commute the sentence of

A HERALD reporter had an interview with two members of the Court yesterday and learned from them that no announcement will be made until Monday. There is no authority for the statement that Sheriff Reinhardt had received injunctions from Trenton or that the execution will take place at such a late hour. There will be no postponement until Tuesday afternoon, and in the meantime the decision of the Court will be made known. Mechella continues as durable and indifferently as the others. She desires only for spiritual consolation. Her relatives refuse to be interviewed by the press.

ALLEGED HOMICIDE.

Coroner John yesterday was called to 223 Rivington street to investigate the circumstances attending the death of Ann Smith, an Irish woman, 63 years of age, concerning which there existed some suspicions. Patrick Clark and his son, Richard, who boarded with deceased, were suspected on suspicion of having been concerned, who, however, was of a temperate and temperate habits. Dr. Marsh made a post-mortem examination of the body, on which he reported to the coroner several suspicious conditions. Both her eyes were also discolored. Dr. Clark is of the opinion, from what he saw, that the woman may have been the principal cause of her death. The body was sent to the Morgue and an autopsy to be made to-day will definitely